

W. P. WALTON.

A LETTER from James G. Blaine to Chairman B. F. Jones, of the National Republican Committee, dated at Florence, Italy, conveys the intelligence, which will be startling to the members of his party, that he will not be a candidate for President this year. Says he: "I wish, through you, to state to the members of the republican party that my name will not be presented to the national convention called to assemble in Chicago in June next, for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States." Blaine has sense enough to know that he nor any other republican can be elected and he does not wish to suffer a second defeat. Mr. John Sherman will now step to the front, but while one of the greatest men of his party, he is too much of an icicle to win hearty public support. Grover Cleveland will be re-elected to another term as sure as he lives to the 21 Monday in November, and all the country will say "amen."

A GENTLEMAN, who has given the matter considerable thought, submits the following plan for equalizing assessments in the State:

First: Divide the State into 10, 12 or more equalization districts, then have the county court in each county appoint one man from each congressional district to meet at the county seat and equalize the county, as is now done. Have this board elect one of its own members to represent the county in the district meeting, which shall equalize the counties in the district. Have this district board to elect one of its members to represent district in the State meeting at Frankfort, this board to equalize the districts in the State. Make Auditor of State chairman of State board.

This strikes us a good plan, for under it the best men would be selected and each would be thoroughly acquainted with valuations in his county and district.

When Arthur Day was led out of jail at Utica, N. Y., the other day to be hung for the murder of his sweetheart, the ground was very slick with sleet and the sheriff lost his balance and came "a tumbling down." It wasn't much of a time for laughing, but Day had too much appreciation of the ridiculous to resist and broke out in a regular horse laugh. On arriving at the gallows and while his legs were being pinioned he remarked, "This business makes me tired." The sheriff, however, out of consideration for the lady, cut it as short as possible and Day was pronounced dead in eight minutes. Such a creature is hardly responsible enough to be hung, but it is about the best expedient to make of his kind.

The new bill to the legislature to enlarge the powers of the railroad commission to those much in the excess of the present and superintendents, ought to be promptly slaughtered. Railroads usually employ the best men they can to look after the requirements of their property and it would be simply ridiculous to charge these men, who hardly know a frog from a cross-bite, with authority to do everything now expected of those more qualified. The best thing to do with the railroad commission is to repeal it altogether, or at least let it alone.

The Louisville Truth says that Col. W. M. Hull has moved out to the "Highlands" in close proximity to Col. Emmett G. Logan and several other colonels, who have recently settled there, and adds that it is one of the touching sights of life to see these grizzled suburban residents sitting in their shirt sleeves at their front doors fanning themselves with slouch hats and trying to imagine themselves farmers and proprietors of estates.

The legislative committee which has been investigating affairs in Bowman, have obtained sufficient evidence to corroborate the charge that Judge Cole is not the proper man to dispense justice there or elsewhere. His court seems to have been run in the interest of the Telfer crowd, and one of the clan was never known to suffer for his misdeeds in it. If the half of the testimony is true Judge Cole ought to be impeached in short order.

A woman has just died at Bowling, Pa., in the short life of 40 years was the wife of seven men. From two of them she was divorced, four died and the seventh survives. If she went to heaven whose wife of the seven will she be? For answer read the New Testament and see what Christ said when a similar question was propounded to him.

Col. H. M. remarks with a sort of grim humor that it is useless for Stanford and Nicholasville to quarrel about which has the greatest number of widows for Pikeville, not a fourth as large as either of them, can discount both. For particulars read about the McCoy Hatfield vendetta.

Judge Ryan granted the writs of habeas corpus in the case of the Hatfields and the prisoners are to be brought from Pike county to the court in Louisville at the expense of West Virginia. Argument in the cases is set for February 20th.

At least one croaker without an axe to grind is down on Gov. Buckner for his veto of miscellaneous railroad charter bills. He says the governor's unaccommodating attitude is hard upon the poor mountain man, who has fondly dreamed of some day owning a railroad, as it places still another obstruction in his way of acquiring this class of property. The lack of money of itself was discouraging, but to know that this obstruction is surmounted by a still more potent difficulty in the way of executive refusal of the right to spend it on railroad building operates as a serious check upon industry; for without the incentive to earn a lot of money, which the possession of a railroad charter always imparts to a laboring man, some of us will be tempted to idleness or to an investment of our earnings in Irish potatoes, salt and other protected articles of necessity.

The old saying "mean enough to steal a copper off a dead negro's eye" has nearly been literally verified at St. Ignace, Mich. William Sherman was instantly killed by the falling of a pile at a railroad pier and when he was laid out his friends placed silver half dollars on his eyes to keep the lids closed. These were removed by some heartless thief and in their stead old-fashioned cents were placed. A museum man ought to hire the fellow and exhibit him as the champion mean man of the century.

The Owensboro Inquirer makes this heartless thrust at our republican judge: "The banner idiot district of the State is the Eighth judicial district, which contains the banner idiot-producing county of the State—Pulaski. Pulaski county has 41 idiots, and the Eighth district has 160. This district is presided over by Circuit Judge Tom Morrow, who once ran for governor on the republican ticket, and who seems determined to get all his constituents cared for by the State."

A Louisville paper says that that rising young railroad man, Mr. Stewart R. Knott, fits the position of traffic manager for the L. & N. like an old stager, and prophesies a brilliant career for the young gentleman in his chosen avocation. He is one of the brightest and cleverest men connected with a road managed by clever men, and we are glad to hear of his success. The bet is made with notakers that he will be president of the road in ten years.

The ghost of the Cincinnati News-Journal, Gov. Underwood's paper, will not down. In its short career it ran in debt \$95,536 and this amount will have to be paid by the stockholders. Gov. McCreary, Charles J. Bonston, C. M. Clay, James W. Tate and other Kentuckians were assessed their ratable amount on judgments obtained in Cincinnati last week.

ONLY TWO States pay more internal revenue than Kentucky, New York and Illinois. The latter paid last year \$2,131,000.67 and Kentucky \$1,165,575.86. Virginia paid \$233,353.10. The total of all the States was \$10,580,451.97. Delaware, Maine, Mississippi, Nevada, Rhode Island and Vermont did not contribute a cent and several of the other States less than \$5,000.

It is a terrible fact across the waters that the Prince of Wales acted like a blackguard at the opening of the Theatre Francaise in London last week. That he wasn't taken in hand by a policeman and rushed off to a station-house, shows how favored is royalty in the old country, and how it abuses its privilege, when one of them is seditious enough to act the snail.

W. T. Price, Esq., Brother Barnes' biographer, has written a play entitled "John Brown" and the Cincinnati Enquirer is led to remark: "If Price is not careful at the end of the first season he will be humming the refrain 'Old John Brown lies mouldering in his grave.' That will be the Price of it."

Lowmyers say that Judge Barr has transcended his authority in the Hatfield case corpus case. The controversy being between States the Supreme Court is the only one having competent jurisdiction in the matter. The case promises to be a *corpus esthor*.

LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

The Senate has passed a bill to make 72 pounds of corn in ear a legal bushel.

The Senate has passed the bill to pay jailers 10 cents a day for detaining prisoners.

Mr. Phelps has offered a bill to authorize the county of Casey to vote on prohibition.

Senator Harris is determined that if the circuit judge's pay is increased, the amounts for special judges shall be deducted from his salary.

A bill to make it a felony to draw or attempt to draw a pistol on another punishable at not less than one nor more than three years in the penitentiary is before the House.

The Senate has passed the bill granting the Louisville & Nashville to double track their road from Louisville to Cincinnati and to build a straight shoot from Shelbyville to Bagdad.

The House has passed a bill providing that all fines and forfeitures under the State laws shall be turned into the treasury, instead of to the trustees of the jury fund as at present.

The druggists have raised such a howl about Dr. Meade's bill, regulating the sale of patent medicines, that it is safe to assume that the Senate will not follow the House's lead in passing it.

—Lawyer Davidson presented bills to provide for repairing and keeping in repair the public roads in Lincoln county, and to authorize the county court to take stock in certain turnpike road companies.

—The Lawyer's bill to prohibit the sale of morphine and other narcotics, except on the prescription of a physician, was strangled by the committee, perhaps on the principle that if a man wants to kill himself, this is a free country and he can do so.

The House continues to tinker with the concealed weapon law. The present document provides for both a fine and imprisonment—neither one without the other. This bill strikes out the imprisonment clause, and fixes the fine at \$100, and if the fine is not paid the culprit is to be put at hard labor in the county jail. The bill passed by a vote of 41 to 30.

COMPRESSED NEWS.

During the past week there were 237 business failures in the United States and 52 in Canada.

Dr. Francis L. Patton, L.L.D., has been elected to succeed Dr. McCosh as president of Princeton College.

The Richmond Register is mean enough to speak of Eugene Zimmerman as a regular old blower from Blowersville.

—In the six days walking match at New York Alberts beat the record, making 6213 miles, and his next competitor about 40 miles.

—A black brute who broke into her room and ravished a young lady at Ponchatoula, La., was taken from the jail and hung by a mob.

—Berry, the English hangman, has executed 113 persons up to the present time, 16 of them having been in Ireland and two in Scotland.

While removing a clinker from his stove, Wilson Neal, an old man of Frankfort, inhaled coal gas and died before he could get relief.

Dr. William Munnell, brother of Eld. Thomas Munnell and father of editor W. H. Munnell, died at Boskville, Ind., last week, aged 73.

James Cooper, a prominent citizen of Pulaski county, died Friday. He owned 11,000 acres of land in one tract in Rockcastle and Pulaski counties.

By an explosion at Dupont's powder works at Wapawlopen, near Wilkes, barre, Pa., four men were killed and 40 others more or less seriously injured.

John Januscheck, a farmer, living near New Prague, Mich., murdered his wife, shot his daughter and then killed himself. The woman had just filed a suit for divorce.

Another very cold spell has prevailed in the Northwest. At Philadelphia, Pa., the mercury went down to 32 below an at Montevideo, Minn., it is reported as frozen solid.

—A gas of 880 feet. A vessel of gas accompanied by a cloud of sand came from the well with a roar that could be heard a considerable distance.

Gov. Wilson, of West Virginia, has issued a proclamation in Ohio, Buckner for 25 men charged with participating in the killing of Pompey in a fight between the Hatfields and McCoys.

Another terrible accident in Kansas City. One man killed and over 100 men, women and children injured and mangled. The sole explanation is "the grip on the cable cars slipped."

Speaker Carlisle did a good thing when he ordered the bucket shop telegraphic offices out of the capital. Their lines ran to Wall street, which speculates in a certain classed legislation.

A construction train on the Louisville Southern ran into the carriage of H. C. Holton, cashier of the First National Bank of Harrodsburg, killing a fine horse and badly mauling him.

Benj. Eggleston, a prominent figure in Cincinnati history, died after an illness of four years. He has been conspicuous in commercial pursuits and in local State and National politics.

Judge Parker, of the United States Court, at Fort Smith, Ark., sentenced seven Indian Territory murderers to be hanged April 27. He evidently believes in doing business by the wholesale.

Six white and seven colored persons were whipped as a punishment for crime at New Castle, Del., Saturday in the presence of 200 spectators. Samuel Long, the forger, also stood one hour in the pillory.

The liquor dealers at Lexington have organized for mutual protection and resistance of the laws prohibiting the sale of whisky to minors and on Sundays. A large number of them have been indicted by the grand jury.

It is now claimed that the negro Bob Crow, who asserts that Patterson confessed to him that he murdered Jennie Bowman, is instigated in the premises by a desire to have Patterson hung so that he can marry his widow.

Trachotomy was performed on the throat of Crown Prince William Thursday. For two days his breathing has been difficult and the operation was considered necessary to save him from strangling. It was pronounced a success.

Patrick John Hart was hanged at Helena, Montana, for the murder of Jno. Pitts, a miner at Elkhorn, who accused him of ruining his stepdaughter. He said he only wanted to live to test a discovery that would prolong a man's life indefinitely.

—William Kelley, the inventor of the process for making Bessemer steel and the first man to introduce Chinese labor into this country, died in Louisville Saturday.

The engagement of Mr. Cleveland and Miss Grace, daughter of Judge Stanley Matthews, of the Supreme Court, is announced. Mr. Cleveland is a resident of Bracken county, Ky., and has been studying law at Washington.

A new counterfeit five-dollar silver certificate has been put in circulation. The bill is about three-sixteenths of an inch too short and there are no distinctive lines in the paper. The general appearance is good and calculated to deceive.

W. W. Corcoran, the Washington millionaire philanthropist and art patron, is gradually sinking, and it is believed he cannot longer survive. He has been confined to his bed for a fortnight, and now takes little notice of what passes around him.

The Pineville Messenger says there were seven bids for its jail and court house, Eason, Wiggins, Brawner & Co.'s, of Richmond, being the lowest and the work was awarded them at \$4,364 for the former and \$17,887 for the latter. The amount appropriated for the two is \$25,000.

—Near Belleville, Ohio, two men were digging up dynamite that had been buried to keep it safe until needed. The pick of one of the men struck the explosive, and there was a shock that suggested an earthquake at Tiffin, Sandusky and other points. The men have not been discovered as yet.

Ex-Governor McCrory of Kentucky will report to the House this week his bill authorizing the President to invite the republics of Central and South America to send delegates to a grand conference to be held in the city of Washington for the purpose of promoting arbitration and improving our commercial relations with the republics in Central and South America and the empire of Brazil.

Richard McCrory, an English laborer of New York, is one ahead of his mother-in-law. She made life miserable to him in England, finally driving him away to the United States. Saying his earnings be sent for his wife and children and the mother-in-law came with them. Learning this, McCrory made oath to the proper officials that she was without means of support and the old lady was not permitted to land. Unless some kind person comes to her rescue, she will be returned to England on the ship which brought her over, and the son-in-law may feel reasonably secure when 2000 miles of salt water separates them. (C)

HUSTONVILLE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

The Hustonville Journal failed to reach us on Friday.

The groundhog question has been running so high in the local press that W. H. Smith felt constrained to visit Lancaster to take deposition. He returned in triumph, bearing the statement that one of the most voracious animals of that historic town had made a confession to the zoological garden for the purpose of taking the hopes and opinions of that province size, and one backed it up by a letter on the infallibility of the groundhog's experiment. On the 21st of February, at 10 o'clock, a cloudy solar time this vexed question is now happily settled.

I regret to notice that our neighborly and adopted citizen, W. H. Smith, has out a large placard announcing his purpose to close out his business and leave our village. Mr. Smith has been with us several years and has won an enviable reputation. I regret, but I must, pleasant and social, he will be sadly missed by our whole community. I believe it was the wife of Prince Hal over, Falstaff, "We could better have spared a better man." In this case we cannot adopt his language, we have none "better" to be spared.

There seems to be quite a sensation in and around Kingsville (Tunnel City) as to the capabilities of that hitherto neglected region. A land agency, recently established there, is reported as doing a flourishing business. Prospectors, mainly Kentuckians from counties bordering on the Ohio, are flocking in and buying freely. There is a vast extent of territory in that part of Lincoln unutilized, and unoccupied, which it is thought will become the great tobacco producing section of the State. It is surely time some developments should be made. Six thousand years is a long period of inactivity.

Well, The Comet has actually made its appearance, and is proudly flashing its flaming train athwart on hemispheres. Its advent, however, is not attended by any of those dire forebodings of evil which usually wait upon such phenomena. It suggests not wars nor rumors of wars, famine, pestilence nor sudden destruction. Its presence is rather like the "bright bow of promise" painted on the tranquilized heavens when the storm has expended its fury. It speaks of safety and hope and coming triumph. The inauguration of this unpretending little periodical is a progressive step in the right direction. It is encouraging to see young hearts and intellects engaged in an enterprise so elevating, so innocent, so improving. But girls and boys let your magazine be strictly literary, moral, intellectual. Steer clear of politics and party, and slang and chewing gum, and we predict for your paper a brilliant future.

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Sardines,
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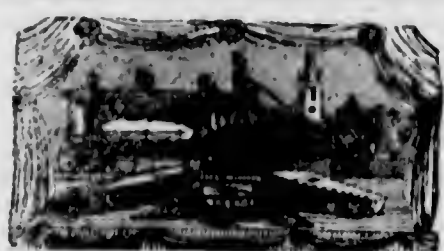
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